

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for storing digital content in a client-side
5 cache, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving content broadcast ~~from a central server~~ to a client;

storing said received content in said client-side cache; and

making said content in said client-side cache available to other clients.

10 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
determining if requested content is in said client-side cache before requesting said content
from a remote source.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
15 requesting said content from an edge server if said requested content is not in said client-
side cache.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
requesting said content from a provider of said content if said requested content is not in
20 said client-side cache.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
requesting said content from another client cache if said requested content is not in said
client-side cache.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said step of requesting said
content from another client cache further comprises the step of accessing a directory to
determine where said content is cached.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing information to a central cache directory regarding content that is stored in said client-side cache.

5 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said content in said client-side cache is made available to other clients using a point-to-point link.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for obtaining content over a network, said method comprising the steps of:

10 determining if requested content is in a local cache; and
requesting said content from a remote client cache if said requested content is not in said local cache, wherein said content in said remote client cache was broadcast to a client.

15 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of requesting said content from a remote source if said requested content is not in said remote client cache.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of requesting
20 said content from an edge server if said requested content is not in said remote client cache.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of requesting said content from a provider of said content if said requested content is not in said remote
25 client cache.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said step of requesting said content from a remote client cache further comprises the step of accessing a directory to determine where said content is cached.

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14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said remote client cache obtains said content over a broadcast connection.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing digital content among a plurality of users, said method comprising the steps of:

storing content broadcast ~~from a central server~~ to a client in a client-side cache of at least one client;

making said content in said client-side cache available to a plurality of additional clients; and

maintaining a directory of said content made available to a plurality of additional clients.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein a user determines if requested content is in said directory before requesting said content from another remote source.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said content in said client-side cache is made available to other clients using a point-to-point link.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for storing digital content in a client-side cache, said system comprising:

a memory that stores computer-readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to implement said computer-readable code, said computer-readable code configured to:

receive content broadcast ~~from a central server~~ to a client;

store said received content in said client-side cache; and

make said content in said client-side cache available to other clients.

19. (Currently Amended) A system for obtaining content over a network, said system comprising:

a memory that stores computer-readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to implement said computer-readable code, said computer-readable code configured to:

determine if requested content is in a local cache; and

request said content from a remote client cache if said requested content is
5 not in said local cache, wherein said content in said remote client cache was broadcast to a client.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for sharing digital content among a plurality of users, said system comprising:

10 a memory that stores computer-readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to implement said computer-readable code, said computer-readable code configured to:

store content broadcast ~~from a central server~~ to a client in a client-side cache of at least one client;

15 make said content in said client-side cache available to a plurality of additional clients; and

maintain a directory of said content made available to a plurality of additional clients.

20 21. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for storing digital content in a client-side cache, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to receive content broadcast from a central server to a client;

25 a step to store said received content in said client-side cache; and

a step to make said content in said client-side cache available to other clients.

22. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for obtaining content over
30 a network, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to determine if requested content is in a local cache; and

a step to request said content from a remote client cache if said requested
5 content is not in said local cache, wherein said content in said remote client cache was broadcast to a client.

23. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for sharing digital content among a plurality of users, comprising:

10 a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to store content broadcast ~~from a central server~~ to a client in a client-side cache of at least one client;

a step to make said content in said client-side cache available to a plurality
15 of additional clients; and

a step to maintain a directory of said content made available to a plurality of additional clients.

24. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said content broadcast to said
20 client is broadcast prior to being requested by a user.

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said received content was predicted to be of interest to a user.

25 26. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said content in said remote client cache was broadcast prior to being requested by a user.

27. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said content in said remote client cache was predicted to be of interest to a user.